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## STATISTICS OF WOOL PRODUCTION, STOCKS, &amp;c. 1926-27.

(Figures in parentheses refer to previous season.)

Wool Production, 1926-27. On the 3rd August last a preliminary estimate gave the grand total production as 72,093,317 lbs. subject to revision. The details have now been finalized bringing the total up to 72,365,200 (69,007,266) lbs., comprised as follows:- Wool Clip 63,078,242 (60,380,584) lbs. averaging 8.67 (8.73) lbs. per fleece sheep and lambs combined; Fellmongered 971,883 (678,146) lbs; Wool on skins exported 8,315,075 (7,948,536) lbs.

Sheep for Wool Production, 1927-28. Including the estimated Winter lambs marked, it is estimated that the flocks on June 30th or thereabouts numbered 8,300,000 and on the experience of previous seasons probably 8,000,000 will be shorn for the 1927-28 season. These figures are arrived at as follows:- Total Sheep 31st December 1926 as per actual count 7,283,945, Winter Lambing 1,681,906, Net Interstate Imports 114,075, Total 9,079,926 less six months slaughtering and Mortality losses (drougt, foxes &c.) estimated respectively 550,000 and 225,000 leaving a balance of 8,304,926.

Heavy Imports of Sheep for Year. For the year ended June 30th 1927, the net imports from States totalled 379,945 (130,325).

Wool Locally Used. For the year ended June 30th 1927, 795,526 (667,986) lbs. of Wool in the grease were used in local factories.

Stocks of Raw Material, June 30th, 1927.

Stocks Held	Wool		Sheep-skins with Wool on No.
	Greasy lbs.	Scoured lbs.	
By Woollen Mills, Scourers, &c.	1,711,474	271,572	53,607
By Wool and Skin Merchants	1,695,957	2,531	157,145
Total	3,407,431	274,103	210,752

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